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ROW, Chipping- April
S. G. ----- Camblos

CAMBLOS

NOTES ON THE NESTING
OF BIRDS
(1934)

CAMBLOS.

All
Most of these nests
and eggs were taken
in Virginia. The exact
locality is designated.

In some places, especially
in the first months of the
year, notes were taken on
the arrival of birds
from the south.

If the nest of a rare or
uncommon bird was found,
containing young the data
concerning said nest was
taken. (PART 2)

PART 1

MIGRATING BIRDS

FEB. 27-- SAW A FLOCK OF ROBINS

" 28--- SAW TWO HORNED LARKS.

~~MARCH 1 -- " THREE " "~~

~~PROBABLY THE SAME TWO WITH ANOTHER~~

~~MARCH 2 -- SAW THE THREE LARKS TODAY~~

~~MARCH 3 -- EVIDENTLY LARKS HAVE GONE.~~

~~MARCH 4 --- SAW A FLOCK OF RED-WING~~

~~BLACK BIRDS -- (200 IN FLOCK - APP.)~~

FEB. 25

Found a last years House
Wren's nest in a shed here
at V.C.S. It had nine eggs in
it. The nest was composed
of pine twigs, leaves and
lined with hair & feathers.
all the eggs were rotten.

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MARCH 1934.

MIGRATING BIRDS

MARCH 1 TO 3 - THREE HORNED LARKS HAVE BEEN HERE AT SCHOOL. THEY STAY AROUND A HAYSTACK TO FEED. THEY WERE MARKED AS FOLLOWS:

BACK - BROWN LIKE MEADOWLARK

WINGS - POINTED - BROWN; ~~POINTED~~

TAIL - BLACK OUTER, BROWN INNER.

HEAD - AURICULARS - BLACK STREAK DOWN.

CROWN - BROWN

FOREHEAD - "

THROAT - BLACK ("COLLAR.")

FLANKS & SIDES - LIGHT CHESNUT

LENGTH - ABOUT 9 INCHES

MARCH 4 - SAW A FLOCK OF RED-WINGED BLACK BIRDS (APP. 200)

MARCH 6 - SAW THREE GULLS ON RIVER (AS FAR AS I COULD TELL WERE HERING GULLS) WHITE THROAT, BREAST & HEAD; GREY BACK; GREY WINGS WITH BLACK TIPS; GREY UPPER & WHITE UNDER-TAIL.

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MARCH ~~APRIL~~ 1934.

MARCH 31 (SATURDAY)

Found a Great Horned Owl nest in a chestnut-oak (6 ft. in diam. and about 60 ft. high) could not climb it. Will return tomorrow. Flushed both owls away from nest, so the eggs have probably hatched.

(SEE PART 2 FOR REST OF INFORMATION)

MARCH 25 - (SUNDAY)

Went with Dad today from Little Stone Gap to C.C. Camp. Mother drove us to the top of mountain, we walked rest of the way. We were looking for owl nests but found none. Flushed four pheasants.

As we were coming down the mountain Dad, in front of me, saw a hawk at about fifty yards. I dropped to the ground and just as I drew head on him (for I had Jack's .22) he wheeled from the limb and sailed down the hollow. When we went to where he had been sitting we saw a half built nest in an oak. Dad plans to come for the eggs about Apr. 15. The hawk seemed to be a Red-shouldered Hawk, or a Broad-winged

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APRIL (~~Cont.~~)

APR. 15 - (SUNDAY)

SET B

Found 4 Bluebird eggs in a telephone pole (200 yds. from V.E.S. chapel) the entrance was about 2" in diameter and the inside hole was about 3½" deep and 2½" wide. The female was dead on the nest. All the eggs were fresh. Only a few dried grasses were used as nesting material.

APR. 23 - (MONDAY)

SET B

Took 3 fresh Robin eggs from a nest in a mulberry on the campus (20") the nesting materials were coarse grass, string, mud, and a lining of fine grasses.

APR. 30 - (MONDAY)

SET B

Took 4 Purple Grackle eggs (fresh) from a locust with vines on it. The nest was composed of heavy grasses, mud and lined with fine grasses. The inside depth was about 3" and the outside 4½" with a diameter of about 3½" (1 MI. V.E.S.)

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APR. 30, 1934

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MAY 1934.

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MAY (Cont.)

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JUNE 1.

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JUNE (Cont.)

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JUNE (Cont.)

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JUNE (Cont.)

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JULY 1934.

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JULY (Cont.)

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JULY (Cont.)

NESTS WITH YOUNG. OR
NESTS OF SEASON WHICH
HAVE BEEN DESERTED.

PART 2

(1.)

APRIL 1934.

APRIL 1 (EASTER SUNDAY)

Went to the Great Horned Owl's nest. After trying unsuccessfully to climb the tree, cut a snag, which was about thirty feet up the hill, down into the top of the snag where it lodged against a limb and the top. Bassam Wade, who was with "Hoot" and I went up the snag to the nest, while "Hoot" and I kept guard against the adult owls. On reaching the top of the snag, he found two young owls about two weeks old. There was also a dead, half eaten rabbit in the nest. I went up to see just what the nest looked like. The actual cavity of the nest was about three feet from the top of the snag to the bottom of the nest, but there was a

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APRIL (Cont.)

hole in the side of the nest near the bottom, through which the parent birds entered. The hole in the top of the nest was about 1' by $1\frac{1}{2}$ '. The diam. of the nest cavity was about $2\frac{1}{2}$ '.

The young had about three inches of their wing quills and there was evidence of "horns". The feet seemed fully developed as far as size was concerned. At one side of the nest was the skull and bones of some small animal.

At no time when we were at the nest did the parent birds come near. On both days that we were there (March 31 & Apr. 1) we saw the old owls leave the vicinity of the nest when we entered the woods. The crows were probably the cause of the owls staying away.

The nest was located in a chestnut-oak - 60 ft. high (6 ft. in dia.) on Bishop's Ridge - 4 miles from Big Stone Gap, Va.

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MAY 1934.

APRIL

April 26 1934

Was walking through
a grove of locusts where
the ground was damp and
briary, when I flushed a
Woodcock. She flew as though
she were hurt - trying to
draw me away. I examined
the spot where she flew
from, and I found three
young - about 1 day old.
I picked them up and
held them in my hand
but they didn't bat an
eye - showing how well
they were trained. Each
one was about $2\frac{1}{2}$ " long.
(when in my hand - were
squatted on their legs).
They had a black stripe
down each side - they
were covered with
brown down. (1 MILE FROM)
(NO EVIDENCE OF A NEST) V.E.S.

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MAY (Cont.)

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JUNE 1934.

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JULY 1934.

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JULY (Cont.)

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JULY (Cont.)

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JULY (Cont.)

(14.) JULY or AUGUST 1934.

TUES. APR. 3

SAW A PAIR OF PINK WARBLERS.

THUR. APR. 5

SAW SEVEN LOONS ON J. RIVER.
ALSO FOUR SMALL DUCKS AND AN
ADULT GREAT BLUE HERON, AND
A HERRING GULL (ADULT).

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